

What is claimed is:

1. A pet toy, comprising:
a housing;
5 a drive unit coupled to the housing and adapted to move the housing; and
a pet attractant coupled to the housing.
2. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of an
animal.
- 10 3. The pet toy of claim 2, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of a
mouse.
4. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the attractant is catnip.
- 15 5. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the drive unit is a pull-back spring drive.
6. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the drive unit is provided with energy by
moving the drive unit in a direction opposite from a first direction of travel of said
20 chassis.
7. The pet toy of claim 6, wherein the energy is directed through at least one
wheel, propelling the pet toy in the first direction.

8. The pet toy of claim 1, further comprising an outer layer, mounted on said housing, to provide a fur-like appearance.

9. The pet toy of claim 1, further comprising at least one facial component,
5 mounted on a forward-facing portion of said housing.

10. The pet toy of claim 9, the at least one facial component including an eye, a nose and an ear.

10 11. The pet toy of claim 1, further comprising a tail, mounted to said housing and located on a rearward-facing portion of said housing.

12. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the pet attractant is located in a storage unit coupled to the housing.

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13. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the pet attractant is located within the housing.

14. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the pet attractant is located outside the housing.

20 15. A pet toy, comprising:

a chassis;

a drive unit coupled to the chassis for moving the chassis;

a storage unit coupled to the chassis; and

an attractant, located in the storage unit, configured to attract the pet.

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16. The pet toy of claim 15, further comprising a housing coupled to the chassis,
wherein the housing is configured in the shape of an animal.

5 17. The pet toy of claim 16, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of an
animal.

18. The pet toy of claim 17, wherein the housing is configured in the shape of a
mouse.

10 19. The pet toy of claim 16, further comprising an outer layer, mounted on said
housing, to provide a fur-like appearance.

20. The pet toy of claim 16, further comprising at least one facial component,
mounted on a forward-facing portion of said housing.

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21. The pet toy of claim 20, the at least one facial component including an eye, a
nose and an ear.

22. The pet toy of claim 16, further comprising a tail, mounted to said housing and
20 located on a rearward-facing portion of said housing.

23. The pet toy of claim 16, wherein the pet attractant is located within the
housing.

25 24. The pet toy of claim 1, wherein the pet attractant is located outside the housing.

25. The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the attractant is catnip.

26. The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the drive unit is a pull-back spring drive.

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27. The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the drive unit is provided with energy by moving the drive unit in a direction opposite from a first direction of travel of said chassis.

10 28. The pet toy of claim 27, wherein the energy is directed through at least one wheel, propelling the pet toy in the first direction.

29. The pet toy of claim 15, further comprising a ballast, located over said drive unit.

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30. The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the drive unit comprises at least one biased gear, an axle and a wheel, wherein the gear and axle are rotated by the biased gear.

31. The pet toy of claim 15, wherein the drive unit comprises a wheel.

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32. A method of providing a pet toy, comprising the steps of:
providing a mobile housing having a drive unit; and
locating a pet attractant within the housing.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the mobile housing in the step of providing is in the shape of an animal.

34. The method of claim 32, wherein the pet attractant in the step of locating is
5 catnip.

35. The method of claim 32, further comprising the step of providing energy to the drive unit.

10 36. The method of claim 32, wherein the step of providing energy includes the step of moving the drive unit in a direction opposite from a first direction of travel of the mobile housing.

37. The method of claim 36, further comprising the step of releasing the pet toy to
15 direct the energy through at least one wheel to propel the pet toy in the first direction.